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SUBJECT: REACTION TO COE COMMITTEE DECISION

1. LEAD STORY IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS OCTOBER 22 - 25 HAS BEEN A
REPORTED DECISION BY THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS' DEPUTIES OF THE
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COUNCIL OF EUROPE TO POSTPONE FOR NINE MONTHS CONSIDERATION OF
THE EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REPORT ON TURKISH HUMAN
RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CYPRUS. THE POSTPONEMENT DECISION WAS RE-
PORTEDLY OPPOSED ONLY BY CYPRUS AND TURKEY (WITH THE UK ABSTAIN-
ING AND GREECE NOT TAKING PARTY). ACCORDING TO OCTOBER 24 NEWS-
PAPERS, GOC IS MAKING REPRESENTATIONS TO COE MEMBERS WHO DID NOT
OPPOSE THE POSTPONEMENT AND WILL SUMMON RESIDENT DIPLOMATS TO

THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO PRESENT WRITTEN PROTESTS.

2. ONLY OFFICIAL COMMENT TO DATE HAS BEEN STATEMENT BY GOC ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT THE COMMITTEE "EVADED THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH ARE CLEARLY LAID DOWN IN ARTICLE 32, PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS."

3. LOCAL GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS HAS BEEN VOLUBLE AND VITRIOLIC IN ITS DENUNCIATION OF THE COMMITTEE DECISION. SOCIALIST TA NEA EDITORIALIZED THAT "EUROPEANS CAN NO LONGER BE PROUD" AND BLAMED THE DECISION ON GERMAN INFLUENCE - "THE BONN OF 1977 REVIVES THE BERLIN OF 1939". RIGHTIST AGON HEADLINED ITS ACCOUNT "JUSTICE CUT TO PIECES." COMMUNIST HARAVGHI UNSURPRISINGLY VIEWED THE DECISION AS A NATO-EEC ATTACK AGAINST CYPRUS, THE ACTION "NOT THE FIRST TIME THE WESTERN COUNTRIES HAVE TAKEN A HOSTILE ATTITUDE TOWARD CYPRUS". MODERATE PHILELEFTHEROS LINKED THE COE COMMITTEE DECISION WITH A LETTER FROM U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT ASST. SECRETARY BENNET TO "A DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN" (NOTING THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION HAS IMPROVED IN CYPRUS) AS PARTS OF A PLAN TO DENY A FAIR HEARING FOR THE CYPRIOTS AT THE UNGA.

4. ONLY APPEARANCE OF THE STORY IN THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS HAS BEEN BRIEF MENTION IN INSIDE PAGE SUMMARIES OF GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS.

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